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SUBJECT: CODEL SPARKMAN

REF: A. STATE 052518; B. STATE 053943

1. DEPUTY DIRECTOR U.S.A. DIVISION FEDOSEYEV AT SPASO HOUSE RECEPTION MARCH 12 TLD POLITICAL COUNSELOR THAT PROGRAM FOR CODEL IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION AND WILL NOT BE PUT INTO FINAL FORM FOR SEVERAL DAYS. FEDOSEYEV DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT EVENING MARCH 24 IS BEING RESERVED FOR RECEPTION AT SPASO HOUSE. WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION ASAP. CONSIDERATION AS TO WHO PAYS FOR VARIOUS ASPECTS OF TRIP HAS NOT YET BEEN SETTLED AND IS BEING NEGOTIATED IN WASHINGTON, FEDOSEYEV SAID.

2. HE CONFIRMED THAT SENATORIAL AIRCRAFT WILL TAKE CODEL FROM MOSCOW TO TASHKENT. SOVIETS, HE SAID, WOULD PROVIDE AIRCRAFT TO TRANSPORT PARTY FROM TASHKENT TO SAMARKAND AND THEN BACK TO TASHKENT AGAIN. HE HOPED EMBASSY OFFICERS AND PARTICULARLY WIVES WOULD GO ALONG WITH PARTY TO CENTRAL ASIA SINCE THIS WOULD PROVE VERY USEFUL TO SOVIET SIDE, FEDOSEYEV SAID. IN THIS REGARD, FEDOSEYEV REITERATED THAT SEPARATE PROGRAM IS BEING WORKED OUT FOR SENATORIAL WIVES.

3. FEDOSEYEV INDICATED THAT SOVIETS HAD WORK FROM WASHINGTON THAT SENATORS ARE ANXIOUS TO TALK ABOUT SALT, TRADE BILL, EMIGRATION AND OTHER ASPECTS U.S.-SOVIET

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BILATERAL RETLATION. HE CONFIRMED THAT SUPREME SOVIET

WOULD BE SPONSORING BODY AND SAID THERE WOULD BE DISCUSSIONS WITH MEMBERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF SUPREME SOVIET. PERSON WHO IS EVIDENTLY TO BE IN OVERALL CHARGE OF THE VISIT ON SOVIET SIDE WILL BE GEORGIY ARBATOV, HEAD OF U.S.A. INSTITUTE, WHO IS ALSO MEMBER SUPREME SOVIET. FEDOSEYEV SAID ARBATOV WOULD BE ACCOMPANYING SENATORS THROUGHOUT TRIP. FEDOSEYEV INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT HE HOPED PONOMAREV WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO CHAIR DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN SENATORIAL GROUP AND SUPREME SOVIET.

4. WHEN ASKED WHETHER CODEL WOULD SEE BREZHNEV, FEDOSEYEV REPLIED THAT HE DOUBTED WHETHER BREZHNEV WOULD BE AVAILABLE. GROUP WOULD PROBABLY BE SEEING PODGORNYY, HE SAID.

5. FEDOSEYEV SAID HE DID NOT THINK THERE WOULD BE A PROBLEM CONCERNING SENATOR LEAHY'S REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS WITH SOVIETS OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS SOVIET MILITARY DOCTRINE AND U.S.-USSR STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIP (REF A). HOWEVER, HE ASKED THAT ANY SIMILAR REQUESTS BY INDIVIDUAL SENATORS BE FORWARDED TO MOSCOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THEY CAN BE INCORPORATED INTO THE PROGRAM.

6. REGARDING SENATOR JAVITS' REQUEST (REF B), FEDOSEYEV SAID SOVIETS WOULD BE MOST RELUCTANT TO SEE SENATOR JAVITS QUARTERED IN A DIFFERENT LOCATION FROM REST OF GROUP. THIS WOULD POSE GREAT LOGISTICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS, HE SAID. FURTHERMORE, NATIONAL IS HOTEL CONTROLLED BY INTOURIST WHILE SUPREME SOVIET CONTROLS SOVIETSKAYA WHICH IS WHERE GROUP PROBABLY WILL BE STAYING. SUPREME SOVIET WILL BE PAYING FOR ALL MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS CONSUMED BY SENATORS AND SENATORIAL GUESTS AND HE SAID THIS WAS ARGUMENT AGAINST SENATOR JAVITS STAYING AT NATIONAL. FEDOSEYEV SAID HE HOPED SENATOR JAVIST REQUESTS TO SEE GVISHIANI, AND KIRILENKO OR ANDROPOV ARE PRESENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION, FEDOSEYEV SAID, AND HE WOULD LET US KNOW.

7. THROUGHOUT CONVERSATION FEDOSEYEV INDICATED THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOVIETS REGARDED VISIT OF THIS CODEL AS OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE TO U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS.
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